

## Kaneff donates \$100,000

Donation brings  
Iggy's total  
UTM contributions  
to \$1.9 million

BY ADRIAN BAREK

In the early morning hours of Monday July 28, 2003, businessman, developer, and philanthropist Ignat Kaneff came one step closer to completing his pledge of \$1 million towards the Student Centre. Kaneff presented UTM principal Ian Orchard with a cheque for \$100,000. The donation brings Kaneff's total contribution to the Student Centre to \$900,000; just \$100,000 short of his original pledge of \$1 million.

Kaneff and fellow real estate developer Marco Muzzo chaired the fundraising campaign responsible for generating corporate sponsorship for the Student Centre. With a \$6.1 million price-tag, the cost of the Student Centre was divided between three sources: UTM students, the university and outside donors such as alumni and businesses. Even with Kaneff's generous \$1 million pledge, corporate donation fell short of anticipated levels. As a result, students ended up having to pay \$1 million more than originally forecast.

After shaking hands with Orchard and posing for the camera in a brief ceremony, Kaneff voiced his disappointment. "I don't think the corporate community surrounding Erindale is contributing it's fair share. I would like to see every section of industry commit more to the academics of young people."

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— Ignat (Iggy) Kaneff

we are struggling to raise a \$100,000 here or there."

While acknowledging a lack of corporate donation in the past, Orchard expressed optimism for future fundraising initiatives. "In order for any university to expand to their full potential, they must establish partnerships with the government, students, faculty, as well as outside agencies. We need to be able to create these partnerships. We do need to get more donations to build the campus to its full potential. We'll need some major donations to build our new library and so we (UTM Administration) will be in the community trying to build those partnerships."

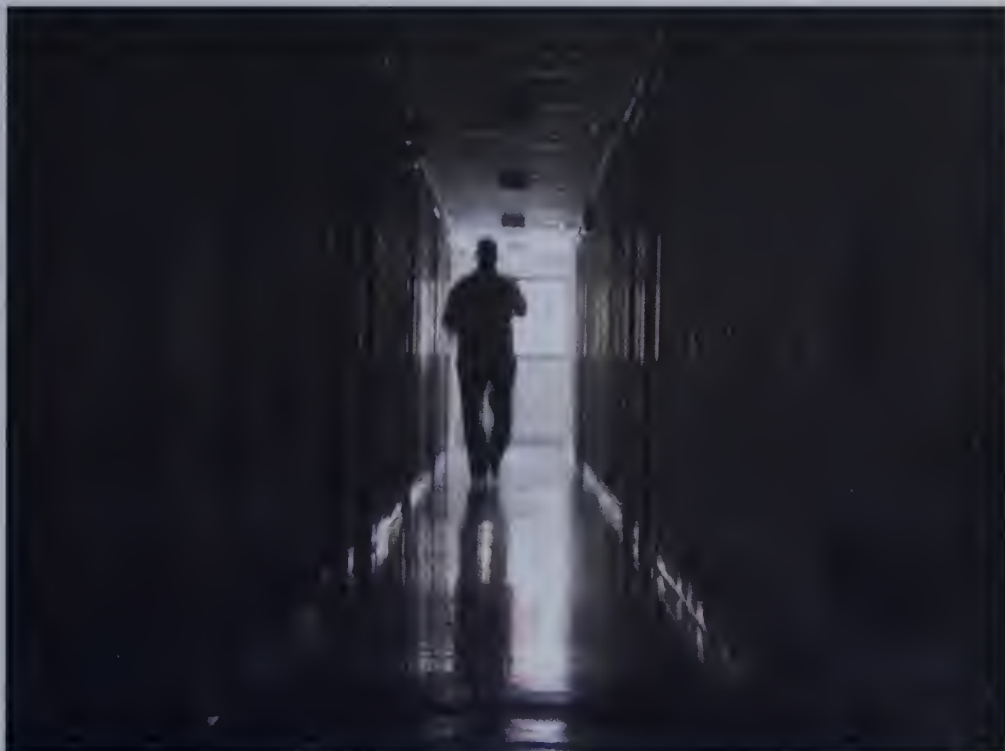
Orchard went on to praise Kaneff's altruism and fundraising efforts on behalf of UTM; "Donations like this from Iggy Kaneff really do show leadership in the community and they really do make a difference." In addition to pledging \$1 million to the Student Centre, Kaneff also donated \$1 million to the UTM building bearing his name-sake, the Kaneff Centre. When asked what motivates him to donate with such generosity, Kaneff answered simply, "You young people. The future leaders of this country."

A building project nearly a decade in the making, the Student Centre was a cooperative effort by students, administration and community members to provide UTM's student body with a place of their own. Around the start of the fall semester of 1989, the need for such a facility was felt widely across campus. Along with the desire for such a building to be constructed was the knowledge that students of that time would not be around to enjoy it - a feeling shared by many current students who will pay incidental fees to fund the construction of UTM's new library and athletics centre. On November 17, 1989, UTM student Deborah Waldner commented, "Any action taken by students today will not benefit any of us. Future generations of Erindalians, however, will no doubt thank us."

Those future Erindalians are the students of today. While no doubt all are grateful for the Student Centre, student use of the facility and participation in it's events is below what many would hope for. The ever-struggling pub and a lack of publicity are among a handful of student concerns. Third year theatre student Cory Doran states, "The student centre was a good idea, but let me stress the 'WAS.' The pub is sad. I mean, we have more people show up for one

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## Lost in the dark



During the August 14 power outage, many UTM students and staff found themselves blindly groping through pitch-black hallways such as this one in the South Building. Read the full story on page 2. photo/Mehraan Pavri

## New options and old problems face residence students

Off-campus housing scarce for students not offered a spot in residence

BY ADRIAN BAREK

Erindale College has seen many new things in recent times - new buildings, new programs, new courses, new services, new staff and of course, new students. With so many new benefits, it seems sadly ironic that many old problems continue to plague the campus. Residence at UTM will be offering a new community living arrangement and a brand new building to the 800 undergraduate students living on campus this year. The all-to-familiar problem of not having enough spaces to house returning students has returned and left another tide of disgruntled students in its wake.

The increase in first-year students attending Erindale has created stiff competition among returning students hoping to live on campus. The

U of T guarantees a spot in residence to all full-time, first year students coming straight out of high school who apply for residence by a specified deadline. While this policy allows the university to remain competitive in attracting new scholars, it puts returning students seeking residence accommodation at a disadvantage.

Director of Residence, Chris McGrath, spoke of the situation facing his administration. "Of the 800 single undergraduate spaces available this year, 600 of them are being taken by first year students who qualified for the U of T residence guarantee. This put us in a precarious position where we didn't have as much space as we thought to offer to upper year students. We turned away approximately 55 upper year students who were qualified for residence."

Residence Administration uses a strict set of prerequisites and a rigid application process to trim down the numbers of upper year students who qualify for residence. To qualify for residence as a returning student - and qualification does not guarantee accommodation - requires a minimum 2.0 GPA and completion of at least 4.0 credits in the previous year. In addition, less quantifiable factors

such as community involvement and residence don recommendation are used to select which upper year students are granted residence.

Compounding the problem for returning students who are not offered a spot on residence is the housing situation surrounding UTM. One only need drive south on Mississauga Road to appreciate the challenge facing students seeking affordable, off-campus housing. "Mississauga isn't a campus-oriented city. Kingston for example, is more geared towards students. This city isn't. But there are accommodations available to students, you just have to look hard for them," said Jen Bennett, a third year psychology student who previously lived on residence but now lives off campus.

A transfer student from British Columbia, Jing Xin Cheng, expressed her frustration at finding a place to live off campus. "It's very hard to find off-campus housing. I called the residence centre but they offered me very little help."

The newly formed Residence Council also had to deal with a shortage of space for upper year students. Of the six elected members of the

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## UTM deals with massive power outage

Backup systems fail; students and staff get lost in the dark

BY ADRIAN BAREK

The August 14 power outage that left approximately 50 million people along the Eastern seaboard of North America without electricity revealed problems with UTM's back-up power systems. While the blackout disrupted businesses, shut down public transportation, grid-locked intersections and saw a spree of thefts and break-ins, Erindale seemed comparatively well off. No crimes were committed and no one was injured during the blackout.

Several students reported having to blindly navigate their way out of the labyrinthine, pitch-black hallways of South Building. Students were not the only one's left in the dark. UTM is host to several summer camps for children. At the time of the blackout, approximately 100 campers under the age of 13, a handful of parents, and several camp counsellors found themselves in South Building's unlit gymnasium. Ahmed Dalal, a Fitstop employee and recent UTM graduate was tending to an upset child in the gym when the power outage occurred. "At about 4:07pm the gym went completely

dark. As soon as the lights went out there was a lot of yelling and crying. It was so dark, I couldn't even see the child standing right in front of me. Luckily, one of the parents had a cell phone that provided just enough light to see by. We used the light from the cell phone to find our way back to the Fitstop desk where I grabbed some flash lights. We have procedures to follow in situations such as this. The summer camp staff, Fitstop staff, and several Athletics employ-

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— Joe Lim

ees organized the children and escorted them outside."

Manager of Campus Police, Len Paris praised the cooperation of those present during the blackout but also conceded that backup power systems did not engage as they should have. "Our emergency plans and coordination worked well. Computing Services, Building Engineers, Facilities Resources, the Principal's office, the Chief Administration Officer, and Campus Police coordinated the emergency response.

There is a backup lighting system but the backup generators did not come on right away as they are supposed to."

Many pieces of equipment sensitive to power loss are stored at Erindale, especially in the various science departments, but for the most part professors and department heads reported no major disruption or damage. Dave McMillen, Assistant Professor of Physical Chemistry and Chemical Biophysics outlined some high-risk areas. "One potentially vulnerable piece of equipment is the ultra-low temperature freezers used to keep cells and other biological samples in long-term storage at temperatures of -70C and below. If those lost power for an extended period, it could cause loss of the cell lines and thus interfere with ongoing experiments."

Fortunately, these freezers are equipped with their own back-up systems that prevented the power loss from destroying any work. "I have emergency power for all my refrigeration. This is a good thing to invest in, for that is most critical in a blackout. Some experiments were disrupted and needed to be restarted, but luckily, nothing was major," said Jumi Shin, Assistant Professor of Biological and Organic Chemistry.

In addition to science labs, UTM's computer networks survived the blackout with minimal damage. Uninterrupted power supply (UPS)

batteries connected to Erindale's servers ensured that power was available to keep the servers running long enough to shut them down properly. Joe Lim, Manager of Computing Services expressed relief at how smoothly things went during the blackout. "Luckily, there were no major disasters as a result of the blackout. We had to unplug all equipment to avoid a spike in the voltage when the power returned. It took us about 4 hours to bring the essential services back online on Friday."

According to Lim, the fact that the blackout occurred late on a summer afternoon helped minimize those affected. "I have not heard of anyone losing any data. It happened on a quiet time at the campus. If this were to occur during the school term, I think there would have been some damages. We were extremely lucky."

In the days following the blackout, UTM worked to reduce its power use by the provincially mandated 50%. Non-essential lighting was turned off and air conditioning was reduced or cut out completely. High temperatures made for stuffy offices and sweaty people, but UTM managed to cope. Dean of Student Affairs Mark Overton quipped, "It certainly was uncomfortable but I think considering the contribution UTM made to ensuring Ontario had enough power, we lived through it pretty well."

## Philanthropist's generosity praised by Orchard

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day at a blood donor clinic than we do at a pub function."

Kevin Popa, a third year geography student stated, "I'd like to see more activities going on in the Student Centre. Maybe there is stuff going on but I'm not aware of it. More advertising of events would help." Popa's brother Wayne, a second year Biology student offered some praise, "I think the student centre is the nicest building on campus, especially compared to North and South Building. I don't come here that often," he added, "but I always see people coming and going."

Orchard responded to claims that the Student Centre is underused by saying, "I think when you construct a new building and attempt to create a new student centre it takes a little bit of time. There's a bit of a transition as the existing students try and get comfortable with that building. As we have the wave of new students coming into Erindale, they will more and more take ownership of the Student Centre as their own building and create a vibrant atmosphere there."

For his part, Kaneff refuted claims that the Student Centre is underused and stated that any time he passes by, he sees many students hard at work there. "I am very proud of our students that I see in schools and working in the community. Very proud. No question about it. I'd like to wish all students here good luck."

This year, your favourite pulp and paper student newspaper will be coming at you digital style. Fed up with paper cuts and glued fingers, editors at the Medium made a decision this past August to prepare the paper using an entirely digital process. This change of production also meant a change of printer.

The Medium's old printer, Weller, wanted more money to print the paper using a digital production process even though such a method is more efficient and uses less resources than the traditional cut-and-paste style. As a result, the Medium editors went printer shopping and decided on MasterWeb Inc., a local printer that provides the desired digital printing services at significant cost savings.

Although the digital production process is more efficient in the long run, a number of technical difficulties almost prevented the printing of this issue. Inconsistencies in software, Windows errors, the blaster worm, unrecognized fonts, and networking troubles plagued the Medium's editors who worked long into the night to provide this first issue to newspaper-hungry Erindale.

"You cock-sucking son-of-a-bitch" said Editor-in-Chief Andrea Civichino to her computer when it wouldn't do what she wanted for the umpteenth time. If you are reading this, the Medium Editors managed to overcome their digital difficulties.

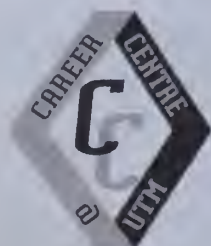


Ignat Kaneff presents UTM principal Ian Orchard with a cheque for \$100,000 outside the building named after him, the Kaneff Centre. The cheque is an installment of Kaneff's pledge of \$1 million towards the Student Centre. No one is quite sure why Iggy is sticking his tongue out, but considering his multi-million dollar gifts to Erindale, we won't question him. photo/Martha Price

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# ECSU prepares to serve largest Erindale population ever

## Double cohort at centre of planning strategies

BY ADRIAN BAREK

The Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) has been hard at work the past summer planning and preparing for a new school year with an enrollment larger than Erindale has ever seen before. A handful of new services, updates to existing services, and open communication channels with other student groups are at the heart of ECSU's strategy this year.

The double cohort orientation will no doubt be one to remember, and ECSU claims to have revamped frosh week to give it a greater UTM-intensive feel. Dubbed True Blue Orientation, this year's frosh week boasts such events as 'Lunch at the Blue Zoo,' 'Night Life 101,' 'Electric Boogaloo,' and a multi-venue concert headlined by I Mother Earth.

Sean O'Connell, ECSU's Vice President of Finance made reference to less-than-satisfying frosh experiences in the past. "A good time downtown is something which has not been seen in a long time. In the past the Student's Administrative Council

(SAC) was supposed to provide us with entertainment and food but since that has been an issue, we've taken it upon ourselves to provide our own entertainment for that day. It's not a SAC day per se anymore. We have a presentation by an alumni comedy group, we'll be going to an entertainment centre in North York. It's not 'let's bake in the sun for six hours of the day'. I think our frosh this year will be a lot happier than our frosh in the past."

ECSU President Adil F. Mirza echoed O'Connell's words. "The most important thing that we've done for frosh week this year is that we've diversified the kinds of events we're going to have. In the past we've had a dance at the pub on the last night. Some students may feel that going to the pub may not be their scene. On the same night as the dance, we'll have a café-type lounge at Coleman as well as movies playing in the Kanoff Centre. We want to make sure everybody has their interests taken care of."

Central to ECSU's planning this year has been the shift in the student demographic. With a younger frosh and a bigger UTM than ever before, ECSU has worked jointly with the SAC on an initiative designed to assist newcomers to Erindale. 'The Mentorship Program' will pair first-year students with trained upper-year

students who act as mentors. These mentors offer advice and assistance on nearly every facet of campus life - from buying textbooks to navigating parking lots. "The main function of the mentor is to be the friend, the one that helps out when you're in a jam. Be it academic help, health problems or just being there to talk when someone needs a person they trust" reads SAC UTM's web site. Mirza stated, "First year students often feel overwhelmed. They don't know what to do or where to go. With the new mentorship program, they'll have someone they can use as a reference to point them in the right direction."

The campus ever-buzzing with talk of the youthful double cohort, ECSU Vice President of Administration Carol Diab assures Erindale veterans that they have not been forgotten. "I know the double cohort is a big issue and has been on everybody's minds for quite a while. And while we are catering a lot towards the younger students that are coming in, we are still catering to older students."

A recently unveiled project that members of ECSU helped plan will affect all commuters to UTM; students, staff, and faculty alike. UTM carpooling and ridesharing offers cost reductions on preferred parking spots if commuters are willing to ride together. In car-crazy Mississauga,

many students are hesitant to group together, even in the face of the program's obvious environmental and traffic congestion benefits. "I think the carpooling initiative is a great idea but I personally am not going to make use of it. In fact, I just purchased my general, unreserved permit," Robert Pechlof, another 2nd year computer science student said. "I wouldn't make use of the carpooling program because I like to make my own hours and go by my own schedule. To an extent the environmental and money benefits are an incentive, but for me, it would take something more significant than what's being offered right now."

With both student groups and university administrators gearing much of their programming and services to the double cohort, some returning students aren't the least bit concerned. "I don't think the double cohort is going to affect upper year students at all. I think the university will continue to cater services primarily to the upper-year students. Even though there will be a lot of first year students, I think that many of them, unfortunately, are going to drop out. I think many will find university a little too tough," Dorian Pula, a 2nd year computer science major said.

ECSU's relations with other stu-

dent groups has been criticized in the past, but members of the student government remain optimistic for this year. Mirza acknowledged that communication between different organizations within Erindale was a problem that hampered ECSU operations last year. He went on to state firmly, however, that this year, "communication between student groups has increased ten fold from last year. In the past we've had a big communication gap between the different student leader groups across campus. UTMAC, residence, SAC, and ECSU haven't really lined up. This year we're approaching it with a new strategy. We're together all the time. Any time a question is asked, we convene with the group (of student organizations) to make decisions."

A member of SAC UTM's board of directors, Gengiz Seyhun, confirmed Mirza's claims of better communication. "I have to agree. Programs like SLAM - Student Leaders at Mississauga - makes the bond between student groups on campus greater."

I have noticed that, compared to years past, the communication between student groups has improved a lot. Open communication is needed, it's very important to serve students and to present our ideas and concerns to administration."

## Rez council President defends Residence Administration

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council, four were not offered a spot on residence. When questioned as to why the majority of his committee members were not offered a spot, Residence Council President Andrew McLeod said, "In part this was due to us not being clear during election time in stating that to be on the residence council you must live on residence. The double cohort produced an even greater number of first year students applying to residence than expected, and this placed extreme pressure on Residence in terms of who did and didn't get back on."

While some students have criticized the selection process employed by residence, McLeod is quick to refute such criticism. "Residence did its best to make sure that the selection process was as fair as possible in their eyes, yet inevitably there were some tough choices to be made."

Those lucky students who are living on campus this year will be doing so differently than students in the past. Two major changes to residence structure have been implemented for the 2003/04 school term. Firstly, returning students and first-year students will live together; sharing either an apartment or a townhouse. Additionally, a method of placing students together called 'Living-learning communities' (LLCs) will be used. The program has seen success in many US schools, and involves placing students in one of four 'themes' that reflect their

lifestyle and interests. The themes available this year are 'Mind, Body, and Soul,' 'Global Perspectives,' 'Community Service,' and 'Creative and Performing Arts.'

"I am very enthusiastic about the new living-learning communities. I think they will provide students who have a specific interest base the opportunity to meet others who are equally enthusiastic about each of the LLC themes" McGrath said. "Furthermore, research in the U.S. has demonstrated that students living in LLCs are academically more successful than those who are not. I

am looking forward to experimenting with this new program to help our students become the most successful students possible."

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- Andrew McLeod

New and returning residence students will no doubt be vying for a spot in shiny new Phase

Seven. Coined "Erindale Hall" and located along the Five Minute Walk between North and South Building, Phase Seven is an apartment style residence similar to Phase Six. The typical suite at Erindale Hall has four-bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a common area. "Everything is coming along according to plan. September 2nd is when they are moving the students in. As of now all the building has been completed, it's just a matter of cleaning it up," Jeff Collett, Assistant Superintendent of the Ledcor Construction site said.

For those 150 students on the

residence waiting list, there is some glimmer of hope. "Since the expiration of the residence guarantee for first-year students, we have re-assessed all applications on our waiting list," McGrath said. "We have given upper year students, transfer students, and first-year students equal footing, and as such, upper year students on the waiting list are not penalized in any way. With a number of cancellations from first year students who are still 'shopping' their university offers, we are finding that we can slowly move people from our waiting list into a residence space."

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## Editor shares story

Welcome UTM Frosh! A few years ago, I came across a story and I thought it would be appropriate to share it with you. Unfortunately, I cannot give credit to the author because it was written anonymously.

I'm sure that you've all looked up at the sky curiously as a flock of geese flew gracefully over you. You've probably noticed that geese fly together in a 'V' formation. You might be interested to know that science has discovered why they fly in that formation. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird directly behind it. By flapping in a 'V', the entire flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

People who are part of a team share a common direction and can get where they need to go quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drags and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation.

If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the 'V' and another goose flies lead. It pays to share leadership and take turns doing the hard jobs. The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. Words of support and inspiration help energize those on the front line, helping them to keep pace in spite of the day-to-day pressures and fatigue. Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead. Only then do they launch out with another formation to catch up with their group.

If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other and work as a team.

As you fly into your first year of post-secondary education, take advantage of the services and organizations on campus that are waiting to help you soar through your university experience. When you feel like you're flying too low and don't have the strength to get back up, remember that there are several other first year students feeling the same way.

Good luck to our new flock of geese. UTM is your new sky.

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my first blurb. good gawd! countdown to first issue. wed. adrian and i faced the world at 6am. it's training day. the medium is digital. where's mehraan? apparently his house was the only one in mississauga to have rolling blackouts. adrian and i ate a great greasy micky dee's breakie. tams came by. nice apartment. she's an angel watching from a distance. i have big shoes to fill! gotta make her proud. thurs. just like old times. steph is pissed. romano says she's not getting a business card. darryl says steph looks hot. she better use those business cards to her advantage. marina arrived. our tummies are rumbling. romano and i hop in the gini-mobile. i think he's afraid of my driving. "oh look" says romano. "there goes a pappagallo driving a jeep!" romano and i drive to kfc. 20 minutes for chicken. pour kevin. fixing our computers for three hours. the fried greasy chicken provides nourishment for the office. jerry talks to us about fat as i'm munching on chicken skin. msn is down. darryl and i are forced to communicate telepathically. did i mention i have an awesome team this year? fr. me. "craig", "domenic" and steph in the office. domenic has kat stuck to his ass. craig wants steph to take a taxi to the go station. darryl called. he's alone in a booth. where's mehraan? adrian wants a private moment with madonna and britney sun. bhq sauce and tomato sauce. interesting combo adrian. darryl wants a wakeup call but he doesn't leave his phone on. steph must be sick of me by now. three phone calls in 15 min. sorry hun. thanks usman for going in circles on sat. long distance call. they don't have chicken halls in the u.s.? tams comes to my rescue. i need a cigarette. mehraan looks huff. he reminds me we have 25 more to go. go take a picture or something! zazar should be coming in soon. web site looks amazing! who's the stunning black dot dude in the photo darryl? hook me up marina's all smiles. only half a page. only this week sweetie. 9:33 p.m. johanna stops by. welcome back. working on editorial page. sorry to disappoint. no controversy this week. just a fluffy piece that i must go and finish. medium staff. please read the editorial. you are all blessed with talents and i'm looking forward to working with you. i have confidence that we'll have a great year. Be prepared for ups and downs, but just like the geese, we have the ability to pick each other up and continue to achieve great things. 12:00a.m. adrian strolls in. lights out for him. too much vino can do that. just me and zazar. 12:12 a.m. looks like i have to come back in the morning. him. it kinda interferes with my plans to sleep in. that sucks. i guess it's true what they say, no rest for the evil. 12:22a.m. darryl called. he's one his way. a little too late there buddy! he offered to bring me a coffee so he's somewhat forgiven. mon. back at the office. adrian figured this digital shit out. thank goodness. the paper better look fucking good after all of this. re-design the layout is not fun. layout has changed. darryl didn't mean to snap. zazar just send me a message. "bad day." nah. i guess it comes with the job. adrian is making fun of commercials again. i think he's going loco! oh oh. he's singing too now. don't get used to these big ass blurbs. i need some space to fill.

Welcome UTM Frosh!  
(insert cartoon here)  
Your editor needs an editorial  
cartoonist.  
Call The Medium at 905-828-5260.

ECSU president wants  
student involvement

I would like to begin by welcoming and congratulating all first year students who have chosen UTM as their new home for the next four years. To all of the returning students, welcome back to Erindale.

The Erindale College Student Union (ECSU) exists to promote students social and academic welfare at UTM, as well as provide a link between the students and the Administration of the University of Toronto.

We sit on various campus committees to ensure student needs are met, and host many events throughout the year, including the best parties at the Blind Duck.

If there is one message I hope to get across, it's GET INVOLVED!! There are numerous opportunities across our campus, where you can make an impact within the UTM community: over 50 campus clubs (or you can start a new one), volun-

teering at ECSU events, playing sports (intramural, interfaculty, varsity), becoming a DJ at ViBE Radio, writing for the Medium – just to name a few. The rewards of involvement are innumerable, and can contribute to your academic and personal growth during your journey at Erindale.

We have lots of activities planned for the year, so stay informed by checking out our website, [www.ecsu.ca](http://www.ecsu.ca) or visiting our office in the Student Centre. And if you have any questions, concerns, or just wanna shoot the shit, drop by ECSU to see me.

Good luck in the coming year.

Warmest regards,

Adil F. Mirza  
ECSU President

Added services in the  
works for UTM students

Dear UTM Students,

As one of your student governments we are proud to have the right to represent such a fine student body. Here at SAC UTM we represent your interests on various administrative bodies while providing an array of services. This year we have a ton of events and new programs planned for you including a brand new Mentorship program, a huge Club funding budget and also a wicked agenda handbook coming out (Sept 17).

This year is an extremely important year for SAC and you, because of the upcoming provincial and municipal elections. One of the main functions of a student government is to lobby on behalf of the students they represent.

Election period allows us to increase the profile of student issues in the mainstream media and to remind voters to think education when they vote. Perfect time to make the rest of the population (voters) believe that freezing tuition is the only thing that will save our crumbling, yet relatively comfortable social democracy.

SAC not only lobbies on your behalf we also provide services such as the Health and Dental Plan, the cheapest photocopying on campus, book bursaries and scholarships. This year we plan to increase your Insurance coverage to include impor-

tant items such as contraceptives, a portion of vision care products and full dental all for a much lower price than last year. Expect refunds for everyone!! We have also doubled our money in scholarships and bursaries, so keep an eye out for ads in the Medium.

All these services and lobbying and stuff is great, however the most important work we do is 'advocacy' on our campus. We fight for equal rights regardless of faith, sexual orientation or race: we like you just the way you are.

We are doing a number of campaigns such as on disability issues, LGTBQ issues, tuition issues, PARKING (grrr) issues, Environmental issues, horrible US foreign policy issues, Women's rights and a ton of other stuff.

We are also starting an email list to communicate with you, so if you want to join that, need help, sign up for the mentorship program, volunteer or help out, start a club, or express your beefs email me at [mo@sac.utoronto.ca](mailto:mo@sac.utoronto.ca) or drop by the office in the Student Centre.

Would love to hear from you,  
Peace  
Mohammed Hashim  
Vice-President UTM  
Students' Administrative Council

EPUS president  
welcomes UTM  
Frosh students

Dear Editor and U of T Part-time Students:

Welcome to another term at the University of Toronto!

Last year, I was the Secretary of EPUS, and now I am proud to say that I am the President. I am excited about my new position, and on behalf of EPUS I will ensure your voices are heard loud and clear at all meetings, for all issues at the university.

The issues you may face are tuition increases, parking, study space, etc, and there are various meetings students can attend to find out where their money is going (Quality Service to Students, Erindale College Council, etc.).

EPUS at U of T Mississauga Campus provides a very comfortable lounge, with free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and water, where students come and enjoy some stress free time between classes. EPUS Class Reps have enjoyed this time to relax, socialize, and most importantly, get their voices heard by the EPUS executive. The Executives have been able to take the concerns of these Class Reps to meetings over the year, and actually get work done.

EPUS executives:

Director: Glen Hammond

President: Shaila Kibria

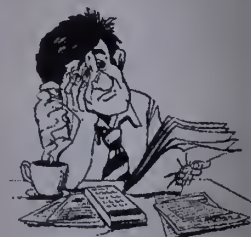
Vice-President: Jaslyn McLean

Treasurer: Saurabh Sur

Secretary: Zeeshan Ali

Join EPUS in the North Building of the Mississauga campus, room 131B, and keep the student voice strong!

Got an opinion?  
Give it here:



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Student Centre:  
Room 200



# ORIENTATION 2003

Summer flew right by and here we are at the beginning of a new school year. It's the beginning of a new phase of life for many students. Here's a big warm welcome to UTM Frosh! To help you make the most of UTM and all it has to offer, this issue along with our next issue will feature student clubs and services. These groups are here to help you settle in, adapt to university and have some fun! Have a great year! This is just the beginning...

Johanna Kristolaitis, Features Editor

## NEED SEX information ??

Located in the Student Centre Room 130 (next to the SAC UTM office), the UTM Sexual Education and Peer Counseling Centre (or UTMSEC) provides a non-judgmental and objective approach while educating and counseling people about the diverse issues of human sexuality. UTMSEC's free and confidential services are open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members. If you have any questions or concerns, you can access our peer counseling and referral service: (1) over the phone at (905) 569-4750, (2) by e-mail at [sec@mail.utm.utoronto.ca](mailto:sec@mail.utm.utoronto.ca), or (3) by speaking to one of our trained volunteers. UTMSEC provides resources, such as books, pamphlets, and condoms. They also run workshops, talks and community events (watch for "Talking Sex with Sue Johanson" on Tuesday, September 23rd at the Blind Duck Pub, 7pm) to show that sex, although fun, is always a learning experience, and it shouldn't be taken lightly. For more information, please visit <http://www.seconline.ca>. If you are interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact UTM SEC for an application form. No experience is necessary.

## Breakdown

Breakdown is a progressive activist group with a horizontal power structure. Our main objective is to make Erindale students aware of global social issues that may evade their everyday consciousness. You are welcome to be as involved as you wish. We have a good core group of members and a large number of contacts along with occasional help from over 300 members. Breakdown was created to provide a forum for discussion on political issues and promote social awareness. We invite all people with various opinions and standpoints to come out and logically defend their position. The goal is not to support or condemn any viewpoint but to open the discourse to new possibilities.

Breakdown supports direct action without the use of violence as a means of achieving social change. Our goal is a progressive society of free individuals, one which renews itself constantly in the thrust for the general betterment of humanity. As such, we actively seek new forms of non-authoritarian organizing and community-based solutions as alternatives to the problems of the prevailing economic order.

Contact: [www.bdown.org](http://www.bdown.org)

E mail: [organizers@bdown.org](mailto:organizers@bdown.org)

Office: Rm. 231 in the Student Centre

## ECF

Erindale Christian Fellowship is a haven of acceptance with an open learning environment for exploring and growing in the Christian faith. Throughout the year we have events such as large groups, small groups, retreats, outreach events, and prayer meetings. Join us in office 211 upstairs in the Student Centre, or check out our website ([www.utmecf.com](http://www.utmecf.com)) for more information. For questions or comments, contact us at [utmecf@hotmail.com](mailto:utmecf@hotmail.com).

## UTMAC

University of Toronto at Mississauga Athletic Council (UTMAC) Live It To The Edge! n [www.utmacc.ca](http://www.utmacc.ca) n (905) 828-5498

Attention all first year and continuing students!! The University of Toronto at Mississauga Athletic Council (UTMAC) is a student run body that represents students and their athletic needs. We offer an array of exciting special events including rock climbing, paintball, go-carting, Raptors games, and our most popular event, the annual athletic banquet. Volunteers are welcome and get discounts/cool stuff!

Questions or comments? Our council members are there for you. If you have questions about how to get involved with athletics and campus life at UTM, just stop by our office (room 1114-A) across the bookstore and speak with a council member or go to [www.utmacc.ca](http://www.utmacc.ca).

UTMAC is here to heighten your university experience. Go Eagles Go!

## UTM CAREER CENTRE

Job postings: on-campus, part-time, summer, graduating year, and work following graduation! Individual career counseling! Career Fairs! Employer Information Sessions! Job shadowing through the Extern Program! Graduating Student Employment Service!

Small group workshops: Resume, Cover Letter and Interview workshops! Follow up with an individual resume critique or mock interview. And don't miss our Summer Job Search workshops! Career services for students in all years and all programs.

Be sure to mark the following events in your day planner:

Volunteer Fair: Wednesday, September 24

Professional Schools Fair: Wednesday, October 1

Career Expo: Wednesday, October 29

Internship Fair: Wednesday, November 19

Summer Job Fair: Wednesday, January 14

Visit our web site for job postings, career planning and job search tips, sample resumes and much more.

[www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers) Room 3094, South Building

## UEC

The UEC, Undergraduate Economics Council, is a resource for all students enrolled in any Economics course. We provide students with academic support and offer social events to introduce students to the world of Economics at UTM and in the community at large.

The UEC can be contacted at: [uec\\_utm@yahoo.ca](mailto:uec_utm@yahoo.ca)

We would like to welcome you to the University of Toronto at Mississauga, and invite you to join us for our first meet and greet during the month of September. Check out our table at Clubs Week for further information and to join the UEC for what will be an exciting year!

## Campus Police

U of T Police Service is a department devoted to providing a safe and secure environment for students, staff, and visitors to the campus. Each officer of the University of Toronto Police has been appointed as a Special Police Constable as set out by the Ontario Police Services Act.

The primary responsibilities of the University of Toronto Police consist of the following:

- safety and security of all staff, students and visitors
- protection of property
- implementation of community policing and crime prevention programs
- personal safety and crime prevention assistance
- enforcement of Federal, Provincial, Municipal laws and University of Toronto regulations
- emergency assistance
- conflict resolution and the maintenance of public order
- traffic and crowd control

The University Police are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and provide patrols of the campus by means of a fully marked patrol car, bicycles and on foot patrol. The University Police Office is located just inside the main doors of the South Building in Room 2117. The University Police can be contacted at any time by attending police office or by accessing the following:

EMERGENCY: (905) 569-4333

INFORMATION: (905) 828-5200

E-MAIL: [police@utm.utoronto.ca](mailto:police@utm.utoronto.ca)

WEB SITE:

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## Residence Council

### ATTENTION ALL RESIDENCE STUDENTS!

Want to become more involved in UTM Residence life?  
Then why not become involved with the UTM Residence Council?

Community Representative positions are open to all UTM residence students and the following areas shall be electing community representatives:

Phases 6 and 7 shall be electing two representatives each and Leacock Lane, Putnam Place and McLuhan Court will each be electing one representative.

There will also be by-elections for the following executive positions:  
Athletics and Wellness Commissioner, Formal Co-Ordinator, Vice President of Finance, and Vice President of Administration.

For nomination forms and further information, please visit the Residence Council Office in Colman House. All nomination forms are to be submitted by  
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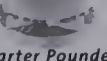
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## Pre-Dental Society

Presidents: Naila Ladha and Avin Gupta  
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E-mail: [erindale\\_dental@yahoo.com](mailto:erindale_dental@yahoo.com)

The Pre-Dental Society is an academic club dedicated to assisting pre-dental undergraduate students at UTM in pursuing a future career in the field of dentistry. The club aims at providing members with valuable information about the field of dentistry and its specialties as well as information on DAT preparation and school selection. In addition to networking with other pre-dental undergrads, students will also have the opportunity to listen to various speakers already practicing within the field. The club is open to all students who are interested.

## ECSU

ECSU, the Erindale College Student Union, serves as the elected representatives for all the undergraduate students at University of Toronto at Mississauga. We are YOUR student union, and our main goals are to make sure you have a fun year and that your rights as a student in the university are upheld.

ECSU serves as a bridge between the students and the Faculty & Administration of UTM, ensuring that your needs are being addressed through an actual direct link between all the sectors of the University. We sit on various committees representing student issues and discussing the campus needs regarding food, parking, the Student Centre, academics and student services.

ECSU also holds a number of social events aimed at contributing to your university experience, memories and friendships. ECSU is here to make your years at UTM as enjoyable and memorable as possible. Some of our main events include Frosh Week, Clubs Week, the Winter Carnival, Student Appreciation Days, Spring Formal, and various other events throughout the year.

ECSU owns and operates The Blind Duck Pub, which features an array of appetizing foods, and a great environment to hang out and relax. Both the ECSU office and the Blind Duck Pub are located in the Student Centre - the hub of UTM.

Although ECSU focuses on social activities and club involvement, the academic realm is not neglected. If you have any concerns about your courses, teaching assistants, or academic appeals, ECSU is here to represent you and provide guidance as to what to do and where to go.

## FCPC Pagan

The first thing you'll see is the name: Pagan Club. Gosh! It's probably a satanic club where they sacrifice animal lives, if not human lives! How could the university permit this? Simple: we're not satanic.

Pagans account for many different kinds of beliefs; some are agnostic, some are kermetic, some are just confused and are wondering what they should follow, wondering what 'calls to them'. Some are wiccans, also called 'neo-pagans'. Some are pagans with older roots.

So, it stands to say, we are welcoming people from all sorts of backgrounds, be you Christian with a curiosity, or Muslim, or Hindu or anything else. Everyone is welcome. We offer an environment where pagans, neo-pagans and others can meet and greet, discuss and research, ask for advice or simply just find friends; a place where you don't have to wonder if your beliefs will be accepted.

We will have numerous events, and if you're interested in more information, please feel free to email us @: [paganclubutm@yahoo.com](mailto:paganclubutm@yahoo.com)

## Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights

Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) is a non-profit, student-based organization that advocates on a strong social justice platform to uphold the rights of the Palestinian people in the face of human rights violations and all forms of racism, discrimination, misinformation and misrepresentation.

Through raising awareness, advocacy work, non-violent direct actions, solidarity building, and the promotion of Palestinian identity, culture and history, SPHR works to support and protect Palestinian human rights both locally and internationally. At the same time, our organization works to battle racism and discrimination directed at both Palestinians and Jews. As an organization, we'd like to emphasize that this isn't a struggle against the Jewish people, but against the illegal occupation by the Israeli government.

SPHR Mississauga is open to everyone, regardless of sex, creed, age, race or religion, among other things. This is our first year and we hope that UTM students will come out and support our different events. We'll be working closely during the year with other established clubs such as Breakdown. So rise up and support the Palestinian cause!!

## Erindale Gaming Organization

The E.G.O. is one of the few non-academic clubs on campus: its sole purpose is to entertain. Our club office is usually open most of the day, packed with members spending the hours between classes (and some of them skipping classes) playing various videogames, card games, and sometimes role-playing games and board games. Drop by our office and check it out. We'll also be running weekly videogaming events in the Student Centre, so keep your eyes open for that.

## IOLO Media

IOLO Media @ UTM is primarily a non-profit advertising, marketing, and photography club. We intend to provide a source for clubs at UTM, the student council, and outside institutions to have events and fundraisers promoted in a creative, original, and time-saving manner. We will produce and distribute quality advertisements and marketing techniques.

Finally, we are a source for students that need a means for marketing and advertising their personal work and achievements. For example, promotions of jams, events, or students themselves are just a few aspects that IOLO Media will direct.

IOLO Media will also hold events of our own in the near future. Be on the lookout for ads and specified dates. However, we cannot do all of this ourselves, we need as many of you hard-working, talented, and creative UTM students as possible. For services, membership info and enrolment please contact: Shal Chirkut: (647) 226-9997 / [onlyshal@hotmail.com](mailto:onlyshal@hotmail.com) Christopher Sadowsky: (416) 305-4656 / [trulystyle@yahoo.ca](mailto:trulystyle@yahoo.ca)

## UTM Anime

UTMAnime started showing today's best selling anime two years ago, and hope to continue the tradition of bringing the latest and best anime straight from Japan to you! In addition to having an anime library exclusive to our members, we hold a free live show in the South Building lecture halls every other Friday, shown on a big projector screen. These are open to everyone, whether you are a member or not, so come out with your friends and laugh with the comedies or have your mind blown away by the more serious series. Either way, there's something for everyone to enjoy. For more information on our shows, please visit <http://home.utm.utoronto.ca/~ecutma>. The first show starts on Friday October 3 at 4:30 pm.

## Canada now!

Oh, Canada, our home and native land! Only in Canada, only at UTM does there exist a student coordinated club, which recognizes Canadians and everything it is to be Canadian, from the country itself to its cultures and identities!

From Canadian movie nights, to snowball fights using pure Canadian snow, to parties, pub nights, social gatherings or randomly waving the Canadian flag here and there, this club has it all! Meet with students of different nationalities, united in the best country in the world, Canada, and the best club on campus, CANADA NOW. Check us out during Clubs Week, eh? Or contact us at [canadanow\\_utm@yahoo.ca](mailto:canadanow_utm@yahoo.ca).

## OUT@UTM

### WHO IS OUT...at UTM?

For those who grapple with issues of sexual orientation, there are others at UTM who know what you're going through. You can meet them in a safe and positive environment via OUT@UTM, a small group of UTM students, staff and faculty members of diverse sexual and gender orientations (e.g., lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer). OUT@UTM acts as a peer support for those who feel marginalized due to their orientations. OUT@UTM forms a sense of community among its members through the message board, regular group meetings, and social gatherings (e.g., Tri Campus "Orgy"). OUT@UTM also reaches out to the general UTM community through events (e.g., OUT@UTM day, "Active Dialogue" Sexual Diversity Panel) to make people aware of OUT@UTM and of issues like marginalization, invisibility within the larger community and homophobia. To be a member, you don't have to be "out" or to identify with any specific orientation. OUT@UTM is open to everyone who wants to attend, support us, or just have fun.

If you have any questions, you can e-mail OUT@UTM at [OUTatUTM@yahoo.ca](mailto:OUTatUTM@yahoo.ca).

## Clubs Fair @ the Blue Zoo Sept. 4, 2003

Check out the clubs at UTM!  
Parking Lot #9 under the big tent.

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### Apply on-line!

**OMSAS** [www.ouac.on.ca/omsas/](http://www.ouac.on.ca/omsas/)  
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**October 8, 2003** Last day for registering for on-line applications  
**October 15, 2003** Application deadline

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Ontario Law School Application Service  
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# UTM Library

Develop a Flair for the UTM Library  
As you begin your academic life at UTM, you need to know about some of the UTM Library services and resources that are here to help you succeed!  
Be sure to attend our Library Flair runway show at Academic Orientation this Thursday, September 4th for details. But first, a few quick pointers to get you started:  
Take the Tour  
To help you orient yourself to the huge array of library services and resources available to you, we are offering drop-in Library tours twice weekly from September 10 - 25. For details about these tours, check the Library website.  
Also, if your timetable allows, consider enrolling in the Library's new half-credit course: ERI203H5 Introduction to Scholarly Research. Details are available at <http://www.erin.utoronto.ca/~w3eri203/poster.html>.  
Public Service is our Priority  
Once classes begin and your list of assignments begins to grow exponentially, time becomes a precious commodity! We want to ensure that you make efficient and effective use of the wealth of Library resources and services at your disposal, so please ask our friendly and approachable Library staff for assistance.  
Remember, for more details on any of our services and collections, check out the Library's website at <http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/library>.

# ORIENTATION 2003

## Community on Campus

## UTM Fulfilling Dreams

UTM filling Dreams is a student-run organization dedicated to helping those in need. Based at the University of Toronto at Mississauga, Fulfilling Dreams aims to raise money and awareness for both international and domestic causes. Our campaigns target issues such as poverty, homelessness, disabilities, the terminally ill and survivors and sufferers of war and oppression. Through events such as fund-raising dinners, movie nights, bake sales, awareness forums, orphan sponsorship and other events, we hope to raise money and awareness for these causes and others.  
We provide our members with a way of making new friends with similar interests on campus and those volunteering to help with our events gain meaningful experience, not to mention helping those in need! 100% of the money raised goes to the needy. The majority of our events are held at UTM. For more information and to become a member, visit our website at [www.utmfulfillingdreams.vze.com](http://www.utmfulfillingdreams.vze.com) or contact us at [utmfulfillingdreams@hotmail.com](mailto:utmfulfillingdreams@hotmail.com). You can also visit us in room 220 of the Student Centre. Look for our booth during clubs week!!  
"Hope is an illusion, if you want something done you have to work actively for it and not hope that someone else, somehow, some miracle is going to happen and people will come to their senses..." George Mizo, Founder of the Friendship Village in Vietnam.

Get to know your university by being a part of Community on Campus. Community On Campus is a program that provides alternative day activities for adults within the community who have an intellectual disability. We currently have ten individuals working with the support of students while participating in either vocational or recreational activities. BUT we always need more student volunteers!  
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## ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT

## From humble beginnings, 'with A Fire Inside'

## INTERVIEW

BY: MARINA SIGAREVA

Since their early formation as a high school garage band, AFI have steadily grown their fan base. Concert tickets now sell on Ebay for \$300.

The Medium sat outside Toronto's Kool Haus this summer with Adam Carson, AFI's drummer, before the band performed a sold-out show.

**Marina Sigareva:** If you could create a section for AFI in record stores, what would it be?

**Adam Carson:** We find ourselves in the punk section all the time because record stores have the task of taking a million different styles of music and distilling them down to three sections.

There are so many subgenres of rock and roll.

I would just say we're a rock band. Our roots are in punk and hardcore but we've transcended that in a way. I would just throw us in there with all the rock bands.

**M.S.:** Besides being labeled a punk band, what else do you think are misrepresentations made of AFI in the media?

**A.C.:** The band has lots of influences. However, people usually seize the most obvious thing, and don't really listen to the music before they classify it.

In general, they look at the way

Dave (Davey Havok, lead vocalist and songwriter) looks on stage and classify us as a Goth band. I wouldn't say we didn't have an upbringing of listening to dark English rock, but I would say we're not a Goth band. I don't even know what a Goth band sounds like.

**M.S.:** Do you read reviews of AFI's records?

**A.C.:** When I come across them. I'm really satisfied with this record (*Sing The Sorrow*, released earlier this year). Whether it's good or bad, it's the best thing we could have done.

**M.S.:** Are AFI's songs written in the studio?

**A.C.:** Lyrically, not really. As a band, before we go into a studio, we're always very well prepared, and that comes from having punk roots.

Rewriting and reworking things, we do all that on our own in a practice space.

Usually, Jade (Jade Puget, lead guitar) and Dave will work on the structure of a song and the riffs, and then Dave will take it home and write lyrics.

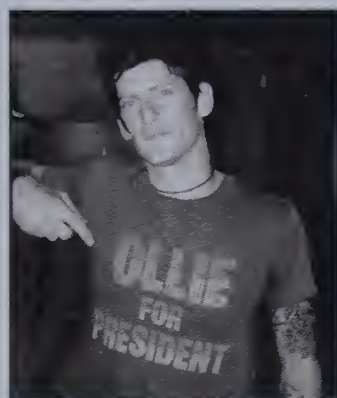
**M.S.:** Your website has a whole section devoted to fan tattoos. How important are tattoos to AFI, if they are at all?

**A.C.:** Tattoos are an important subculture, one that's closely tied with music. For us, it's just a personal thing.

It's not a prop for our band, and it's not a necessity or a requirement, but it is something that we like aesthetically.

I think it's something that people

who like the band have noticed and gravitated towards. As a few people started to get AFI tattoos, a culture of that started to build. It's just another dynamic to the band, and not just our band, but to the whole subculture in general.



Adam Carson, drummer for AFI, and one of its two founding members. My friend Elaine found this picture in a disposable camera at a Foo Fighters concert earlier this summer.

ture in general.

**M.S.:** How did you develop an interest for drumming? Who introduced you to it?

**A.C.:** My family's pretty musical. My dad was a drummer in bands in the sixties and seventies. He actually sold his drum set right before I was born, but the encouragement was always there.

My dad always had different instruments lying around. He was encouraging whenever I was interested in playing music.

**M.S.:** Did you go to university?

**A.C.:** I went to U.C. Santa

Cruz. Davey went to U.C. Berkeley. We both dropped out after two years to do the band. But Jade, our guitarist, has two degrees from U.C. Berkeley.

**M.S.:** Do you have any tips for Frosh reading this article?

**A.C.:** I did the typical college thing, where I spent two years just getting my general education done, and changed ideas about what my major was two or three times.

The only thing I was interested in was playing music and I was doing that every weekend, driving from Santa Cruz to Berkeley for practice.

I was really miserable in college because I didn't know what I wanted to do, so my advice is to take a wide variety of courses in the beginning.

Try to figure out what it is you like, and don't be afraid to change your major. Don't feel like you have to be stuck in anything because if you hate it, you don't want to gear your life towards doing that.

But it doesn't really matter what you major in, because you can always change direction.

**M.S.:** The band stated in previous interviews that stage diving is a lost art and crowd surfing is pointless. Do you have any tips for the perfect stage dive?

**A.C.:** Stage diving has been around for years, so who are we to talk about it? But I have found that, lately, people don't understand there are certain rules to it. You get on a stage and you jump off and if you want to do some

sort of thing in the air, have some sort of style, that's cool.

But now, ultimately, people get on stage and wave their arms or get in the band's way, knocking over the lights and microphones. Then they do a weak-ass dive where they melt into the crowd, or fade, rather than actually diving.



Davey Havok, AFI lead singer, took a somersault stage dive into the crowd during the sold-out show.

ing. They have enough courage to get up, but not enough courage to dive off.

Crowd surfing is just ridiculous because you're on top of everybody's hands, and I know that's part of being at a show, but people choose to do it during really mellow songs, really slow songs, or even when we're not playing music.

There's an appropriate time and place for everything, and if you follow those rules, you'll be alright.

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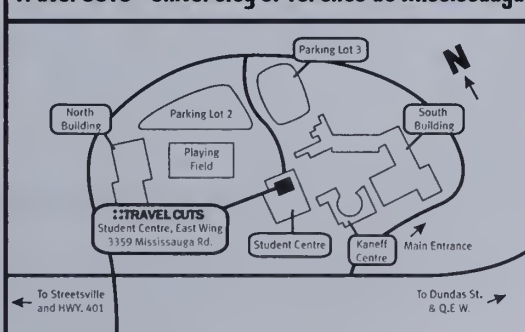


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## SPORTS

## CPE continues to dominate at summer intramural co-ed softball

BY "THE COMMISH" JON LEE

Well another summer and the Commish is still around. Another constant the Commish noticed - CPE hasn't lost Summer Softball since they first re-introduced the league back in 1999. This year was no different. They beat the top ranked team, the Mickey Mouse Club (Campus Police + Free Agents), in the finals on Wednesday August 20th after a huge nine inning final (the first in league history) with a 19-13 score.

The season began with seven teams: Biology Bio Hazard Bio Agents, Rez LIFERS, CC Bytes (Computer Services), Northern Brew Crew (North Building staff), CPE (Centre for Physical Education), Biotech Sluggers, and the Mickey Mouse Club.

The latter 4 teams moved onto the playoffs. Each team boasted their own all-stars, many of whom were later selected for the all-star game.

Most teams stood in contention this year. The notable players were CC Bytes, led by Kevin "Big Shot" Lee going on a Barry Bonds-like homerun streak, and Northern Brew Crew, which featured the trio of Louis Dodaro, Jon Brown and Vince Cheng.

The trio contributed to the most potent offense during the regular season along with other contact hitters on their team such as "Captain" Rishi Arora (who would wow crowds after in-the-park



The winning team poses proud. Hey, is that a dark cloud looming over one of the players? Who is that? photo/Jack Krist

homeruns by climbing the fence).

The other "Spiderman", Lukas, had an amazing first season, leading in hits and triples for his team, while Henry "Hank" and Reuben supplied the power and defense.

Rez LIFERS at least lived up to their name of injecting some exciting moments into their games.

From the many tumbles of captain Jan Maw during his monstrous hits to chants for LIFER Jenn during her at-bats, to watching the first ever (in the Commish's memory) barefooted player - Kat.

Biology Bio Hazard Bio Agents, the Biology team, date back to the late 70's - early 80's when the

inaugural Science Softball league was held. After a few years it became a school event that anyone could join.

Despite some lean years in the late 90's, the league was reinstated and further encouraged team participation thanks to the CPE. Biology upset NBC early in the

season on the bats of Scott Neal and Dahlia.

This year the league also featured some of the most "unique" names that challenged The Commish's pronunciation during batting lineup. Common were calls like Macarena (Biology), Nuno (Biotech), Hung (Biotech), Tharany (Biotech), Cesar (CC Bytes), Kenji (CC Bytes), DoAnh (CC Bytes), G-man (CC Bytes), Rhian (CPE), Udara (MMC), Anand (MMC), Abs (NBC), Cayly (Rez) and Rhiannon (Rez).

I'd love to meet the parents who named them...or maybe not. At least they're not Russian names like in hockey. I digress.

It was the top ranked Mickey Mouse Club and CPE that supplied the big stories of the season. While the Mickey Mouse Club did it with "small ball" like last year's Major League Baseball champs, the Anaheim Angels, CPE's record was 0-2 early in the season before hitting a streak to win the rest of their games.

The team was in jeopardy of not defending their championship. CPE was a bit scarce for big game players at first, with only Ian Mitchell and Konrad supplying major offense until many of their players began playing more often. Darryl Sequeira added clutch hitting and experience, and as always, rose to the occasion in the playoffs.

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# Softball updates from the commish continues

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Captain Andrew Bruce, the one-legged wonder who played the season with a torn meniscus in his knee, hit consistently to all fields. Ahmed Dalal helped turn the ship around in the team's third game and went 12 for 12 in hits at leadoff during the regular season.

Steve O'Gorman was a defensive star who went from a singles hitter in the regular season to a home run hitting machine in the playoffs. Cameron Walker's overall game improved, as did the energy of rally man Mike Ellis. Sara Saad, Jen Schooley and Rhian Holmes complimented the team as a trio of talented ladies.

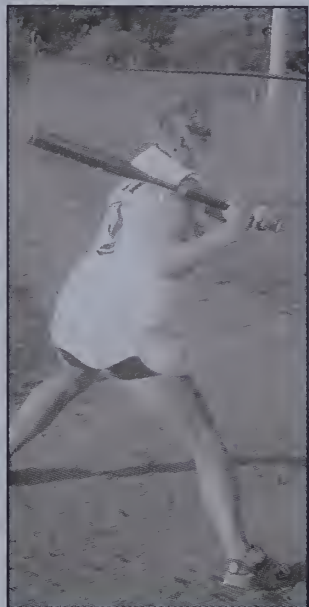
Ivan "Pudge" Ampuero led MMC early in doubles and was a consistent third baseman, though he left the season prematurely due to a player scouting assignment somewhere in South America. Jen, Dianne and Bobbi Jo supplied some good hitting and defensive plays, while Captain Mike "Tinker" Bell, "The Commish" Jon Lee, Stan O'Brien, Jimmy and Mat provided solid offense. Late additions Shawn Lennie, Mike W., Tom P., Shelley and Anand Patel were also strong at the plate.

During the year, Kevin Lee of CC Bytes had a season of Babe Ruthian standards, going 6 for 6 to start the season, where all of his hits were first or second pitch home runs. He finished the league tops in home runs (8), second in batting average (.909 in 11 At Bats), and third in runs batted in (RBI-14). Vince Cheng of the Northern Brew Crew was the other league MVP, finishing first in runs scored (10) and RBI (22), and second in home runs (7).

Other top stats leaders: Ahmed of CPE hit perfect in twelve at bats with a 1.000 batting average during the regular season. Jan Maw of Rez LIFERS had the most hits with sixteen. Reuben of Biotech and Jen Bennett of Rez also tied for most runs scored with ten.

Ivan Ampuero of the Mickey Mouse Club and Andrew Bruce of CPE tied for most doubles with five. Finally, tied for most triples with three were Lukas of Biotech, David L. of the Northern Brew Crew and Stevo of CPE.

Once it got down to playoffs, both finalists won handily (though some key players were unfortunately missing). Top-seeded Mickey Mouse Club defeated the ranked Northern Brew Crew 17-2, while



in the other semifinal CPE upset the second seeded Biotech Sluggers 27-9.

One memorable semifinal moment was Lukas of Biotech dazzling the crowd with a lunging catch and two bobble catches.

In the finals, "The Commish" Jon Lee went 4 for 4 with a double and three runs scored on what many call the "Jon Lee Special" - the swinging bunt (I've been told to patent this specialty soon). Of course Lee was aided by the fastest pinch runner on his team while assisting with defensive strategy from the dugout. Shawn Lennie went 3 for 5 with a run scored and RBI. Tom Petric was also outstanding with a diving catch in right field while going 3 for 4 with a double, three runs scored and two RBI.

CPE had some big innings led by playoff MVP Steve O'Gorman who really broke out in the playoffs, hitting his only three homeruns of the season while batting .889 with 10 RBI. The top female player during the playoffs also came from CPE, as Sara Saad had a perfect post season going 9 for 9 with two triples. CPE Andrew Bruce, Konrad Wojtowicz and Ian Mitchell all had three hits and a homerun. Finally Darryl Sequeira had a great playoffs with three triples and igniting the offence along with Ahmed Dalal.

CPE is now the reigning five-time champs in co-ed summer softball. News about the fall softball league will soon be released in the upcoming weeks.

# First annual Frosh Run/Walk kicks off

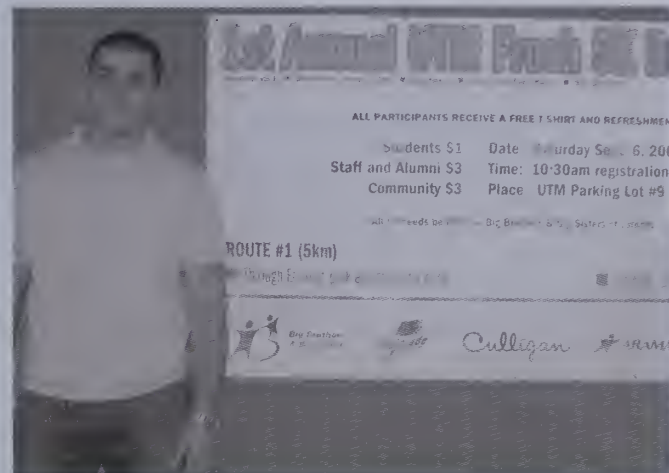
BY RISHI CHUGH

The UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC) would like to invite all students, alumni, administrators, and members of the community to the 1st Annual Frosh 5K Run/Walk.

The mini-marathon will take place on Saturday September 6th, 2003. Participants can register from 10:00-10:30am and the run will officially begin at 10:45 am. Any student that donates \$1 and alumni/admin that donates \$3 will receive a UTMAC T-Shirt, as well as refreshments and our appreciation! All proceeds from this event will benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto.

For those who don't feel inclined to take on a 5km route there is a second 2km route. Help UTMAC kick off the school year the right way! It's a great excuse to get outside and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Erindale Park and UTM.

After the marathon, UTMAC will host the Frosh Olympics (Saturday September 6th, 3-5pm). Students can look forward to dozens of fun events including beach volleyball, basketball and dodge ball. Prizes will be handed out to the best Frosh Olympians.



This enthusiastic kid looks tickled pink about the new frosh week event. We at *The Medium* share his expressed sentiments.

Also, don't forget to check our booth at the frosh week "Blue Zoo" (Thursday September 4th, 12-2pm @ parking lot #9). If you're a student who would like to get involved with athletics at UTM, we'll be there to answer all of your questions.

Council members will be on hand to discuss UTM's intramural and interfaculty sports leagues, as well as the many special events UTMAC will hold throughout the school

year (including, paintball, go-carting, Raptors games, rock climbing, and the Athletic Banquet).

UTMAC is always looking for volunteers to help us with our special events during the school year! To contact the UTM Athletic Council, please visit us at South Building Room 1114-A or call (905)828-5498. For more information about the funwalk or other athletic events, students can check out [www.utm.ca](http://www.utm.ca).

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## UTM's New Recreation, Athletics & Wellness Facility

Scheduled to open for the fall of 2006-7, planning for the new UTM facility has started the detailed design phase. Architects *Store Tilbe Irwin* have been hired to work with the planning committee to finalize the design with anticipated construction to start next summer.

What major components are being planned for the new facility?

- A 25-metre swimming pool for lane-swimming, aquafit courses, water polo, etc., plus a companion 12-seat hot/soak pool
- Two new gymnasiums, equipped for competitive & casual activities, with spectator seating for campus events
- A casual indoor track, with views into many of the other areas
- New fitness facilities that almost triple the existing space, including cardio, strength, weights and fitness-class areas
- New women's and family change-rooms adjacent to the pool area, including a women's steam room

What's currently planned for reuse from the existing facility?

- The existing gym as multipurpose space (for fitness courses, recreational & sport activities, etc., including those needing visually separate space)
- The men's change-rooms, including the existing men's dry sauna
- Reuse of existing spaces for health/performance assessment and sports medicine
- Renovations and modifications to the existing squash courts
- Reuse of existing space for team rooms (for UTM and visiting teams' and program use)
- Administrative support offices and services

Other news

- To prepare, we've started renovations and improvements to existing facilities this fall
- The new facility will be adjacent to the existing one, and to become a main thoroughfare for students entering the academic complex
- We've confirmed our commitment to a "green" building, acknowledging its contribution toward the well-being of users & the planet
- We continue to seek funding partners, but only where their requirements match those of our growing campus community
- The committee's vision for the campus remains unchanged - we still believe UTM needs an additional (fourth) gym, a fieldhouse, and an outdoor seasonal ice pad. These can be pursued as funds become available; the architect's plan will consider these opportunities

The project committee, including students, faculty and staff, will provide a community update early this fall, which will include information on the architect and design process. Thanks for your patience as we work through the details.

(Submitted by the UTM Facility Project Committee)

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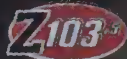
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